

News from the Minister...

10 Ways Being a People of Prayer Makes a Difference:

- 1) It's an intentional time we listen for God's voice.
- 2) It keeps us connected with God in relationship.
- 3) It reminds us our lives are a gift from God and not our possession.
- 4) It keeps us humble.
- 5) It opens up an avenue in the world to the needs of others.
- 6) It heals.
- 7) It quenches our souls when we are thirsty.
- 8) It joins us in communion with other Christians at prayer.
- 9) It grows us in holiness.
- 10) It carries the promise of life beyond this life and God's ultimate purpose for us.



So, keep praying! **Blessings, Michael**

DVD's of our Sunday services are now available.

If you would like to replay the service which you enjoyed, or if you would like to play the service for a special friend or someone who is not able to attend our church service, please take advantage of this very special resource. A small number of portable DVD players are also available. This special ministry is being coordinated by Kay Smith – who will be pleased to help you!

PRAYER LIST...

Give thanks for: the calling of a new Presbytery Minister for the Illawarra! Rev Grant Bilbey (currently Presbytery Minister at Georges River Presbytery) will commence in this role later this year. We wish him God's richest blessings in this challenging role with very diverse responsibilities, within a time of significant regional growth throughout the Illawarra (and Southern Highlands) areas.

Material for **WEEKLY NEWS** needs to be provided by noon each Wednesday to Rev Michael Earl or Sharon Hoogland, 48711583 or hooglandsj46@gmail.com. Photos, information or notices promoting the work of the church for our **Website** (bkuc.com.au) should be sent to lucyearl79@gmail.com

Bowral Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."

Sunday 7 May 2017 (Easter 4)



Our ministry focus areas are:

*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

You are most welcome at worship today, particularly if you are a visitor or a new resident of the area.

We would love to get to know you, and help you feel at home. Please make yourself known. Join us for coffee after the service!



For matters concerning the life of the congregation, contact:
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Readings:

Acts 2: 42 – 47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19 – 25; John 10: 1 – 10

A Hearing Loop is in place in the Church and Hall.
To access it, switch your hearing aid to the "T" position.
It is advisable not to sit right against the wall

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday 8 May

5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsals

Tuesday 9 May

9.30am Playgroup

9.30am Pieces & Yarns

7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta

McKay's, Mittagong

7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong

7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's

Wednesday 10 May

10.00am Reflections Study Group @ Bunker's in Bowral

12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH

12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!

Thursday 11 May

9.00am BUC CC Executive meet

3.30pm Kids Connect

Friday 12 May

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice



TODAY'S SERVICES 7 May (Easter 4)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 14 May (Easter 5)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)

11.30am Uniting Families Connect Service (in Gallery followed by Lunch)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Acts 7: 55- 60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10; John 14: 1 - 14

| ROSTER | THIS WEEK: 7 May | NEXT WEEK: 14 May |
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| Organ | Heather Tredinnick | Ann Clipsham |
| PowerPoint | Barry Roberts | J & S Hoogland |
| Elder | Heather Fiala | Brian Pattinson |
| Stewards | Jim & Denise Layton | Lorraine Neal, Fran Manton |
| Flowers | J Hamilton, Jenny O'Regan | Pam Wood, Nina Fergusson |
| Kids Church | See Lucy | 11.30am Families Connect |
| Morning Tea | Sue & Keith Henshall | Volunteers Please |

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



BUC WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS!!

There are many opportunities to volunteer...

Sunday morning Stewards, join the Flower Roster team, the Sunday Morning Tea Roster, Food & Fellowship welcome cooks and helpers, Playgroup (helpers and morning tea) and Kids Connect (helpers and afternoon tea).

PLEASE SEE THE ROSTERS ON THE GALLERY NOTICEBOARD...

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'Unless we participate actively in the rebellion against social structures & economic organisations which condemn men to poverty, humiliation & degradation, then the Church will become irrelevant to man & the Christian religion will degenerate into a set of superstitions accepted by the fearful.' Julius Nyerere (1922-99) First President of Tanzania

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Next Sunday is the closing day for new material to be included in the Winter issue of UH 10. Please have any items, stories, news, and advertising of coming events to David Manton by Sunday 14th.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 11 May 9.00am

Sat 13 May 12.30pm

Thurs 19 May 2.00pm

Sun 21 May 10.30am

Thurs 1 June 7.00pm

Sun 4 June 2.00pm

Thurs 15 June 2.00pm

Sun 25 June 12.30pm

Sat 8 July 8am – 2pm

BUC Church Council Executive meeting
Congregational Lunch with the Flying Padre
 CAMEO @ The Stumps Coffee Shop
 BUC Congregational Meeting
 Good Neighbours meeting/Common Room
 Celebrate 40th Anniversary UCA @ Moss Vale
 Afternoon tea
 CAMEO Coffee @ Bradman
40th Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC
 BUC WINTER MARKET



A LAST REMINDER: David Shrimpton – our 'Flying Padre' will be in Bowral next weekend, **13 & 14 May**. If you are able to attend the luncheon on **Saturday 13 May** and have not yet confirmed your attendance, please RSVP to Greg Searle by **Tuesday this week** on 4872 1002 or 0418 464958.

More details are included on the special flyers & notices.

Thank you so much again for your support!

UNITING VOICES REHEARSALS...

Has recommenced & continues each **Monday 5.30pm**. See Kerith if you would like to join in the singing



The Monday Bible Study Group at Bunkers (2.00pm) will meet fortnightly during school term. The next meeting will be Monday 15 May.

THE WELSH CHOIR OF WOLLONGONG will be singing at Moss Vale UC on Sunday 21 May at 2.00pm. Entry by donation. Concert includes some community singing. Refreshments will be served after the concert.